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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Major ~~Part~~ B for 1899

SUBJECT.

Levy of water rate at the rate of one fourth the assessment on lands irrigated by jungle streams

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Continuation sheet

Major Office

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~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

REVENUE BRANCH.

Section C-R. 1898
File No 9
Serial No 1/10

SUBJECT.

OFFICE NOTE.

Abolition or otherwise of wet rates of assessment on lands irrigated by means of pits sunk in small nallas during the hot season.

LAST REFERENCE. Letter No. 1168/962 dated 20th April 1898

from the Dy. Comr. Shimoga District

With reference to Subject No. 176 (abolition of wet rates on lands under certain small nallas in the Shimoga Taluk, of the Dassara Representative Assembly of 1896, the members stated that Govt levied assessment on the lands irrigated by sinking pits in the beds of small nallas in the Shimoga Taluk, at 3/4ths of wet rate and requested that as the ryots did not utilize nala water during the rainy season, the wet rate charged on

+ Vide Serial No. 1a (Extract) Sub-File B.

on those lands might be abolished and a small water cess imposed in addition to the dry rate. The Govt replied that the subject would be referred to the Dy. Commr for enquiry and accordingly the Dy. Commr was asked to enquire and report the prevailing practice in the District. The Dy. Commr reported that wet assessment was levied on such lands under G.O. No. 8660-8 / R.1284 dated 28th November 1894, at the rates authorized in Section 19 of the Land Rev. Rules.

2 The Supdt of Rev. Survey was requested to report his views on the subject and it was observed that the G.O. No. 8660-8 / R 1284 above referred to, related to the running water of a jungle Stream which was regarded as an inferior Source of Govt supply of water, while in the subject above referred to, pits were sunk in the dry bed of the Stream and the Spring water

× Vide offl memo. No. 10986 / R.3625 dt 17/6/97 Serial 1, Sub File B.

× Vide Serial No 2 - Do -

× Vide Serial No. 8, Sub File A

× Vide Serial No 3 Sub File B No. 1223 / R398 dt 27/7/97

+ vide letter No 161 dy 23/8/97

3. The Survey Supdt. reports* that Subject No 176 of the D.R.A Assembly of 1896, referred to the irrigation by baling out of water from pits Sunk in the dry bed of Streams, vide Govt Progs: No 8860-8 / R. 1284 dated 28th November 1896 ~~dealt with another class of irrigation viz, that from a well dug within a Coffee garden, and that the above Progs~~ and the Shemoga Dy. Comrs letter No 1376 dated 25th June 1897 dealt with another kind of irrigation viz, from jungle Streams. He expressed his opinion that when a Stream had its source within the limits of the Coffee garden or when a well had been dug, no water rate should be charged, but when the source of water supply was outside the Coffee gardens a water rate should be charged. He Summarized his views on the subject as follows:—

+ serial No 2 Sub File B.

Sub-Div - Mis hold requires no orders now -

"1. When the holder of

tion and paying Coffee
ates of assessment makes
use for irrigation, of
water, the right to which
rests in Govt., he should
be liable to pay water rate
for the same in addition
to the Coffee assessment.
2. The holder of land held
for coffee cultivation should
not be liable to pay any
additional assessment
when he digs a well within
his holding.
3. Land irrigated by means
of pits sunk in the small dry
hollas in the Chenagiri Taluk
(alluded to in Subject No 176
of the D.R.A. & of 1896)
should be liable to pay
some extra assessment,
but $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the wet rates
is ~~in my opinion~~ far too
high for such irrigation; & that
the prayer of the Representa-
tives in this case seems
reasonable."

4 The above letter of the
Survey Supdt. and the Shemoga

Subd
These points have already
been decided in Govt
Pro. No 8660-8 dated 28th
R 1284
November/94.

No 1376 above referred to, were forwarded to the Dy. Commrs. of Kadur, Hassan and Shemoga for an expression of their opinion on the subject.

* Vide No 6206-8 of R 2016 14-1-98

5. In reply to the above the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur states that there are no instances in his district of lands being irrigated by pits sunk in Nallas in the dry season, and that he is therefore unable to offer his opinion on the subject.

* Vide No 661 of 5-4-98

6. The Deputy Commissioner of Hassan states that when Govt water is made use of in Coffee plantations for other than Coffee cultivation i.e, for wet or garden cultivation, water rate may be charged, that he agrees with Col: Grant in the opinion that no water rate should be levied when the same is supplied by a well excavated by the holder of the land on his own holding, and that in the case

* Vide No 842 of 25-2-98

Subs

This has been settled in form 2 of Govt P.O. & 28th Nov/97 & also referred to.

channel which is not at present made use of for irrigation purposes, it has been the practice hitherto, not to charge any water rate, but that in cases in which a stream or channel is made use of for irrigating lands those using it for dry lands should be charged at the rate that wet or garden owners are assessed under the same stream or channel.

7. The Deputy Commr of Shimoga reports that the ryots have not encroached on the beds of tanks but have sunk pits and use the water in the dry season only, and that as the extent of land so cultivated is always very little, Govt would not lose by allowing this cultivation free. He further reports that the streams so made use of are in all cases jungle streams which flow in the rainy season only, and which

× vide letter No 1168/962 dt 20/4/98

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This analogy applies to case of Canals irrigated by temporary wells sunk in the beds of tanks when they are not in action.

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29/4/98

by such pits being sunk in them, so as to retain same water for the dry season. He recommends that if it is deemed expedient, a uniform rate of a rupee per acre may be levied on such lands, the average rate of wet assessment (less dry) on such lands being Rs 2/. He states that the Supdt of Rev. Survey recommends $\frac{3}{4}$ths of wet rate as laid down in Rule XIX, and he thinks that more than half would be too high. The Dyabomr submits a statement shewing the extent of lands irrigated by sinking pits in small tallas in the Bhemangeri Taluk, from which it is seen that there are 35-34 A. G. of land so irrigated, which is charged with a water rate of Rs 70-12-10, the dry rate on the same being Rs 36-8-

Serial No 8 Sub File A.

& Govt Progs: No $\frac{8660-8}{R1284}$ dated 28th November 1894, laid

Sub 2.
The Supdt. of Rev. Survey considers that $\frac{3}{4}$ths of the wet rates is far too high for such irrigation & does not recommend the levy as stated by the Dyabomr.
(vide Supdt's letter No 1613 dated 23/8/97).

irrigated by a jungle Stream is liable to a water rate to be fixed under para 2 of Rule XIX of the Land Revenue Rules, and that cultivated under a well dug within a Coffee garden is not liable to any extra charge.

Secretary
Submitted for orders.

29/4/98

Noted to 2d Cr.

The only question is whether lands irrigated by water led from jungle streams should pay any, & what, water rate. Such cases cannot be many. 3/4 of the ordinary water rate is a leading one.

30/4/98

I quite agree with the views of the S. Supt. 3/4 the rate ever paid to

Noted. The rate of one rupee per acre proposed by the Dy Comr of Shemoga is very high. Mr Coles would levy one-half. The labour involved is very great - digging of the wells, lifting up the water & then taking it to the land are all laborious processes. When bore wells will be operated every year - the important object should be such as to mark the exercise of the right of taking such water. One-fourth of the rate adopted for the use of this water in the jungle streams appears to be fair enough adopted.

4-5-98

10/5/98

W 10/5/98 Offg Secy.

Read.

Correspondence ending with letter no. 1168/962 of 20th April 1898 from the Deputy Comr. Shimoga District, regarding the levy of 3/4ths of wet assessment on certain lands in the Chemagiri Taluk, irrigated during the hot season by sinking pits in the beds of small jungle streams.

Order thereon:

At the meeting of the Representative Vasara assembly of 1896 certain members brought to the hardship entailed upon them by payment of notice that 3/4ths of wet assessment was levied on certain lands in the Chemagere Taluk which were irrigated as above and requested that as the ryots did not use the stream water during the rainy season the wet rate charged on the lands might be abolished and that a small water cess imposed in addition to the dry assessment.

by means of pits dug in the beds of small jungle streams in the hot season & baling water therefrom

2. The Deputy Comr. of Shimoga

who was

who was ~~then requested to~~ was called on for a report ~~enquire and report~~ ~~the prevailing practice on the subject~~, stated that as per Govt. Pro. No. 8660-8/R1284 of 28.11.94, wet assessment was being levied on such lands at the rates authorized in Rule XIX of the Land Revenue Rules.

3. The Supdt. of Rev. Survey, whose opinion in the matter was thereupon invited, stated, that the Govt. Pro. referred to by the Deputy Comr. was in respect of running waters of jungle streams and had no connection with the subject under reference, and that the lands irrigated in the manner above described should be liable to pay some extra assessment, though ~~but that~~ 3/4ths of the wet rate levied hitherto was fair

opinion of the Survey Supdt.
~~was~~ having been communicated to the
Deputy Comrs. of Kadur,
Hassan and Shimoga for
~~their~~ views on the subject
The Deputy Comr. of Kadur
~~replied~~ states that there are
no instances of such
cultivation in his district
~~and~~ While the Deputy Comr. of
Hassan, ~~stated~~ reports that no
extra water rate is
charged for the use of
water from wells dug
in any stream or channel
which ~~was~~ is not used for
irrigation purposes. The
Deputy Comr. of Shimoga
however states that the lands
cultivated in his District
~~as~~ in the many
~~no question~~ above stated. comprise a
small area of 35 acres
34 gunthas ~~in his district~~
and that the nallas in
whose beds pits are sunk
are all jungle streams
flowing

flowing only in the rainy
season and recommends
the levy of a uniform rate
of one rupee per acre on
such lands.

4 Govt. agree with the Supdt. Rev
Survey ~~Supdt~~. in considering
that $\frac{3}{4}$ths of the net
assessment is too high a
rate to be charged on
such lands. The rate of
one rupee per acre proposed
by the Dy. Comr. of Shimoga
comes to about one half
of the wet rate ^ while the labor
involved in digging the well &
lifting up of the water and
then taking it to the
land is very great and
these laborious processes being
have evidently required to be
repeated every year. Under these circumstances Govt
consider that
the additional imposition
should be such as to
mark the exercise of the
right of Govt. in such
water ~~Under these~~
~~circumstances~~ Govt & accordingly direct
that

that one fourth of the rate adopted for the use of running water in jungle streams be adopted in the cases in question.

Passed

HD 13/5/98 R 13/5/98 Secretary

To
The Deputy Comrs of Shimoga, Hassan and Kadur Districts.
The Supdt. of Rev. Survey.

Read

Mem Copying be sent to Deputy Comrs of the Revenue Divisions, in which the Case, the Order will have effect

13/5/98

16/5/98

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

The Deputy Commissioners of the Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Mysore and Chitaldrug Districts were then asked to report their views and the practice obtaining in their Districts, in re the levy of assessment on lands irrigated, during the hot season, by water baled from pits dug in small Nallas.

6 × G.M.No. 10989-93 A/19.5.98. A. 3662

The Deputy Commr. of Chitaldrug reports that water-rate is levied in such cases and recommends that water-rate may be discontinued when the streams are not perennial and not of much importance. He expresses his opinion that the levy of

× No. 1088 / 1027 of 2nd June 1898.

sanction of the Land Revenue Code should be the rule, that the absence of it should be the exception and that the latter should in each case have the sanction of the Deputy Commissioner.

The Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore reports* that there are a few cases of the kind in only two Talooks of his District, viz, Magadi and Kankanhalli and that no extra assessment is levied therefor. He is of opinion that, as the streams and the water in them are Government property, it is but right to levy water rate as per G.O. No. 8660-8 R. 1284 dated 28th Nov. 1894

* D. No. 27 Dy 9th July 1898.

No 102. Dt 28th July 1898.

of Mysore reports that there are no instances in his District of lands being irrigated during the hot season by pits sunk in Vallas.

No 506/135 Dt 30th July 1898.

The Deputy Commr of Kolar reports that such cultivation is confined to a few localities in the Bagepalli and Srinivaspur Taluks and Gudibanda sub. Taluk, and summarizes the reports and ~~the~~ opinions of the Amildars and Deputy Amildar concerned as follows:-

Bagepalli Taluk. The garden rate of assessment ranging from Rs 3/- to Rs 6/- per acre has been charged on lands irrigated by water tapped from small Vallas and

no special rates are
charged for irrigation
from wells drawn
from pits sunk in
Nallas during the hot
season. There appears
to be no objection to
charge garden rates
on lands permanently
irrigated by water
scooped out from Nallas;
but it is a hardship
to charge higher rate
on lands ~~supplied~~ irrigated by lifting water
from small pits.

Srinivaspur Taluk

The extent of land
depending on the
"Nalla" in this Taluk
aggregates 107-3 assessed
at Rs 654/-. This Nalla
supplies water for Kar-
-thika cultivation,
but some of these lands
are irrigated by sinking
pits during the hot season
and lifting water therefrom.

The

on other lands ranges
from Rs 4-8-0 to Rs 5-8-0
and garden assessment
from Rs 5- to Rs 8/-. whereas
the highest rate of wet
assessment on lands
irrigated by tanks
affording water for two
crops is Rs 6/- per acre,
and the garden rate
ranges from Rs 3-8-0 to Rs 9/-
It is fair that the
assessment on lands
under Vallas of this
description should
be reduced.

Gudibanda Sub. Taluk

Full wet assessment
has been charged on
lands irrigated by
water scooped out from
"Vallas" during the hot
season in some villages,
but such lands should
in fairness be taxed
with a moderate water
rate in addition to the
dry assessment."

The Deputy Commissioner

ryots have to perform a good deal of manual labour for irrigating such lands by drawing water from water-lifts and other means during the hot season, and as the supply itself is uncertain, the minimum rate of wet assessment prevailing in the neighbourhood may be levied in such cases.

The Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur reports* that there is not any instance in his District, in which wet assessment is charged on such lands and that in the Pavagada and Sira Taluks, lands irrigated by baling water from big streams have, at the time of the Survey settlement, been assessed at wet rates which continue to be levied. It will be

* No 344 of 12th Nov 1898.

where Government water is used for irrigation purposes, whether of a tank or stream (big or small), the water-rate should be levied justly, having due regard to the trouble and expense to which the occupant has been put in providing the irrigation and to the quantity of water used, but that, in cases in which irrigation is provided by the occupant himself excavating wells on his land at his own expense, he should not be charged with any water-rate.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble servant,
[illegible]
Secretary.

Final orders have been already passed by the 2nd Councillor

In accordance with the Secretary's orders on the draft, the Sheriff's Officers were also consulted in the matter. Their opinions have been briefly embodied in the typewritten draft.

As the matter concerns all the Districts, may the draft be submitted to Rev. Councillor Eastern Duffy for approval or other orders?

VL
15/12/95

Yes. Sealed & Recd
E. Dn. C
16/12/95.

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17/1/96

R. 3825

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,

Bangalore, 17 June 1897.

Section R. 1896

File No R. 1896

Serial No 1

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

SUBJECT No. 176

Abolition of wet rates under certain small nalas in Chennagiri Taluk.

THE attention of the Deputy Commr Shemoga is drawn to Subject No 176 of the Dassara Representative Assembly Proceedings of 1896 and he is requested to enquire and report the prevailing practice in the ~~matter~~.

By order,

15/6/97

Secretary. 16/6/97

D.C. Shemoga

Extract 1a

Subject No. 176.

Abolition of wet rates under certain small nalas in Chemaguri Taluk.

Summary of discussion:—

The small nalas in the Chamaguri Taluk get dry in the months of December and the raiyats sink pits in the beds during the hot season and bale water therefrom for growing sugarcane and vegetables, and this has been the practice from time immemorial. The Govt. levy assessment on these lands at 3/4 ths of wet rate, but as the raiyats do not utilize nala water during the rainy season, it is requested that the wet-rate charged on those lands may be abolished and a small water cess imposed in addition to the dry rate.

Reply of Govt.:— To the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry.

compd. WHL

Shemaya Defoumisso 1376
1154
Date 25.6.97.

Rd 7.30 Pm.
15/7/97.

Hereder referred to and the rule which is taken as the basis of that order relate to the running water in a juncle stream which is regarded as an inferior source of supply of water. But in the case referred this are sunk in the dry bed of the stream & the ground water is baled out. There seems to be some difference between the two modes of irrigation. I shall be glad to have the views of the Govt Supdt to whom this file may be sent

20.7.97

15/7/97 Received

Submitted with dft
ann
24/7/97

[Gen. Serial No. 31.]

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R 5986

REVENUE
CEWAN'S OFFICE

Section
File No.

From The Deputy Commissioner
Thunderbird District

To The Secretary to the
Govt of Singapore General
and Rev: Departments

Dated 25th June 97.

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No. —

General No. 1376 & 1896-97
No. 1154

With reference to Offl
Memorandum No 10986
R 3625
of the 17th June 97, Rubber
Test wet assessment is
levied on such land
at the rates authorised
in Rec: 19 of the Land
Revenue Rules —

Sulad 2-7-97

The Dy Conservator might
have made a fuller report
but - However,
this report shows that
the practice is in accord
-ance with what was
stated at the Special
meeting - The question is whether
any relief should be given
after calling for more
details if not ll

8-7-97

No 7:10 P.m.
8/7/97

Let me have the
file (with
the letter of the Supt
of Surveys) and a draft
the limited order
was issued

Submitted
12.7.97

12/7/97

Ref 12/7/97

Submit with reply as directed

13/7

14/7/97

Secretary

14/7/97

Sulad 15-7-97

15-7-97

Recommended
Please note the
replies and recommendation
of the Assistant Resident
in a separate letter —

12/7/97

Ref for brief

14/7

Secretary

Submitted for orders

2/7/97

7/7/97

Let Assistant Res
Kuala Pilah
Aug 5/7/97

No 28/7/97

No 1376
1154

Mercara District
Deputy Commrs Office
Mercara 25th June 97

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Revenue and Genl Departments

Sir,

With reference to your Officials Memorandum No. 6986 of the R. 3625
17th June 97, wanting me to enquire and report the practice prevailing in this District regarding the levy of wet assessment on dry lands irrigated by pingle streams, I beg to submit that as per Government Order No. 8616-8 of the 28th No= R. 1284
vember 94, wet assessment is levied on such lands at the rates authorised in

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Section 19 of the Land Revenue Rules -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt
Deputy Commissioner

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

92.

To, The Superintendent Revenue Survey, in Mysore.

Section R. S.
File No 1876
Serial No 3

No: 1223 / R. 398 & 2 files as per list.

Dated: 27. 7-97.
27.

Sir.

In forwarding herewith in original × Correspondence ending with Shemoga Deputy Commrs letter No. 1376/1154 & 25th June 1897 in re the abolition of wet rates on lands, under certain small Nalas in the Cheemagiri Taluk, and also × Correspondence ending with Govt: P. Progs: No: 8660-8/R1284 & 28th Novr 1894 referred to by the Deputy Commr I am directed ~~has the honor~~ to observe that the order (No: 8660-8/R1284 & 28th Novr 94) referred to and the rule which is taken as the basis of that order relate to the running water in a jungle stream which is regarded as an

× (to be obligingly returned)

inferior source of Govt.
supply of water; while in the
Case, ~~reported~~ brought to notice (Vide S. No. 176 of
D. R. A of 1896) pits are sunk
in the dry bed of the stream
and the spring water is
baled out; and to request
that ~~the Superintendent~~ you
~~of Revenue Survey~~ will be so
good ~~enough as~~ to favour ~~him~~ Govt with
views on the subject as there
seems to be some difference
between the two modes
of irrigation referred to
above.

to

2nd order

~~By Order~~"
I have &c.

24/7/97

22/7/97 Secretary

22/7/97

Secretary

Forwarded for orders.

The Dewan's Pro: No 7004 of 24th March/85 contains 153 the drafts alluded to in para 4 of this letter.

25/8/97

25/8/97

Sealed 26th/8/97

26/8/97

Rd. 10 hrs. 26-8-97.

Send Mico with copies of Kadur Hassan, Shemoga & 2 collectors opinions.

17-12-97

20-12-97

24/12/97

Gen. Serial No. 30.]

C.R. No. 1523 A919 AUG. 97 DEWAN'S OFFICE

189 7.

From

The Supt: Mysore Revenue Survey (4)

To

Section C.R.

File No A-1896

Serial No 14

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore 23/8/97

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No. 2 files

General No. 161 No.

In reply to Secretary's letter No. 1223 R 398 of 27/7/97

SUBJECT.

Submitting his views on the subject of water rate on coffee land irrigated by jungle stream and cultivated with arecanut

References—(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

Ref 'd

Rev 24/8/97

Respectfully. General Records.

25/8/97 Please put up Pro. No 7004 of 24-3-85

153 Coffee Dist. Rules &c.

No 161

Survey Superintendents Office

Bangalore 23rd August 1897

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Gl and Rev Departts

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1223 (2) B / R 398 dated the 24th July 1897 in which you ask for my opinion upon the subject of certain rates discussed in correspondence ending with Shimoga District Deputy Commissioners letter No 1376 (2) B / KSL of 25th June 1897 and also in correspondence ending with Government Printed Proceedings No 8860-8 (8) A / R 1284 dated 28th November

November 1894.

2 The Government Proceed-
-ings No. 8860-8/R 1284 dated 28th Novr.
1894 and the Deputy Commrs
letter No. 1376/1154 of the 25th June
1894 both refer to the same
subject - viz - the levy of assess
-ment or water rate on lands
irrigated by jungle streams.
But subject No. 176 of
Assessd Representatives
Assembly of 1896 has reference
to a perfectly different matter
- viz - the irrigation by baling
out of water from pits sunk
in the dry bed of streams for
purposes of irrigation. Again
the Government Proceedings
No. 8860-8/R 1284 dated 28th Novr. 1894
deal

deal with still another class of irrigation viz that from a well dug within a coffee garden.

3 Your letter under reply does not frame any particular issue and I am somewhat at a loss to know the particular point upon which my opinion is required. The question which I originally referred to Government in my Docket No 868 (4A) of 2nd February 1893 was, whether the holder of land held for coffee cultivation and at coffee rates is entitled to raise

raise Sugar or other produce and, if permitted, whether the land so appropriated should be assessed at other than coffee rates. It now appears to me that under Notification No 242 dated 24th March 1885, 2nd Para, no additional assessment can be levied on the land but this does not I think nullify the provisions of Section 53 of the Land Revenue Code as regards the use of water, the right to which vests in, or has been made available by Government. It is not probable that cultivation, other than coffee, will be attempted on

Ans 1. Sub Para II

" in streams of water running
" through or bounding the
" said land."

In the above we have the Planters own opinion of what is right and proper as regards charging a water rate when Government water is made use of.

5 I do not think the slightest anxiety need be entertained as to what crops may be raised on coffee gardens so long as a fair water rate is charged for the use of Government water the source of which is outside the coffee Garden.

6 To summarize my opinion on the three questions raised.

1 When the holder of land held for coffee cultivation and paying coffee rates of assessment makes use, for irrigation, of water the right to which rests in Government, he should be liable to pay water rate for the same in addition to the coffee assessment

2 The holder of land held for coffee cultivation should not be liable to pay any additional assessment when he digs a well within his holding.

3 Land irrigated by means of pits sunk in the small dry Nallas in the Chanmagiri Taluk (alluded to in Subject No 176 of the Dossier Representative Assembly of 1896) should be liable to pay some extra assessment but 3/4ths of the wet rates is in my opinion far too high for such irri-gation. The prayer of the Representatives in this case seems reasonable.

7 The entire correspondence received with your letter under reply is herewith returned.

returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
J. J. Hunt
Supt Allyssa Revenue
Survey

Special Correspondence

(5)

Read:—

Letter No. 1376/1154 dated 25th June 1897 from the Deputy Commr., Shimoga District. Stating with reference to Subject No. 176 (abolition of the levy of 3/4th of the wet rate of assessment on certain lands irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during the hot season in the Chenagiri Taluk, of the D.R. Assembly Proc. of 1896, that the wet assessment referred to is levied under the authority of Govt. order No. 8660-8/R.1284 of 28th Novr. 1894.

Also:— Letter No. 161 of 23d Aug. 1897 from the Supt. of Rev. Survey in Mysore. Stating among other suggestions connected with the Subject, that the irrigation of lands by the above method should be subjected to the payment of some extra assessment and not 3/4 of the wet rate which is far too high for such irrigation.

Section C 22
File No 6 1825
Serial No 5

Encl

Order thereon:—

No. 6206-8/R. 2016. 14.1.98/14.

Ordered that copies of the

Survey Superintendents'
letter read above be for-
warded to the Deputy
Commissioners of Kadur,
Hassan and Shimoga
Districts, for the expression
of their opinions on the
subject.

(in order) 27/12/97

DD 24/12/97 M Secretary 27/12/97

To.

The Dy Commrs
of Kadur, Hassan and
Shimoga Districts.

Reference
14/
Rec

6236

R 3754

Gen. Serial No. 30.]

1898

From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

(6)

To

The (~~Chief~~) Secretary to the
Government ~~Dewan~~ of Mysore.
General Cantonments
Bangalore

Dated 25 } February 98
Despatched
Received

Enclosures No. none

General No. 842
No.

In reply to No. 6206-8 Dy 14.1.98.
R. 2016

SUBJECT.

Submitting opinion in re the levying of water assessment on lands irrigated by pits sunk in the small Nallas during hot season &c.

References—(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

Peter
Rec'd 27/2/98

No
e/s.
D.S.
H/O.
D.S. put up.

Where are the papers from other Commissioners read, but not received as above? DS
1/3/98

Drafted R.
4.3.98.

No 842

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Hassan District.
Dated, Hassan, 25th February 1898.

From,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings No. 6206-8 of the R. 2016 14th January 1898, forwarding a copy of the Survey Superintendent's letter No. 161 dated 23rd August last, on the subject of levying water assessment on lands irrigated by pits sunk in the small Nallas during the hot season, and calling for my opinion on the same, I have the honor to state that

when

when Government water is made use of in Coffee plantations for other than Coffee Cultivation, i.e. for wet or garden cultivation, water rate may be charged.—

2 ——— I quite agree with Col Grant, that no water rate should be levied when the same is supplied by a well excavated by the holder of the land on his own holding

3 ——— In the case of wells dug in any stream or channel, which is not, at present, made use of for irrigation purposes, it has been hitherto the practice in many parts, not to charge any water rate and this Con-cession may be continued; but in cases in which a stream or channel is made use of for irrigating lands,

those

those using it for dry lands should certainly be charged at the rate that wet or par-
-dey owners are assessed under the same stream or channel.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W. Thompson
for Dy Commissioner
Hazara District

Rev Dept
9-4-98

Rec'd 1898 APR 7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Rec'd 7/4/98

Reference. Reply is due from Dy Commr Shimoga.

Publish as recommended

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12/4/98

Rec'd 13/4.
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Central No. L.R.
File No. 2-1896
Serial No. 7

From The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

(8)

To The Secretary to Government
Genl. & Rev. Departments

Dated 5th
Despatched 7th April
Received

General No. 661 / 1897-98.
No.

Enclosure No.

With reference to G. O. No. 6206-8 R 2016 d/ 14th January 1898, calling for an expression of opinion regarding the levy of wet assessment on lands irrigated by pits sunk in small nallas, &c, during hot season, has the honor to state that it is reported from the Taluks of Kadur, Tarikere & Chikmaglur, where nallas exist, that there are no instances

of lands being irrigated by pits sunk in halla as in the dry season; and the undersigned is not therefore in a position to offer his opinion on the subject.

H. Sproule
for Dy Commissioner
Kadur District

M.S.

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R45/7 1897-98

(10)

From The Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

To The Secretary to the Govt
of Mysore
General and Revenue Depts.

Dated 20th April 1898.
Despatched
Received
General No. 1168
No. 962
Enclosure No. 1

Section C.R.
File No 9 A 275
Serial No 1

With reference to Govt Ref.
No 6206-8 dated 14th January 1898
R 2016
I append a statement showing
area under cultivation
of lands irrigated from pits
sunk in Nallas and re-
commend a uniform
rate of One Rupee per
acre.

22.4.98

Refer last note
29/4. Received
29/4/98

Submit with office note
29/4

No. 1168 a-1
962

Deputy Commissioner's office
Shimoga District
Shimoga 20th April 1898.

To
The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
General and Revenue Depts.

Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings No. 6206-8 / Q 2016 dated 14th January 1898 forwarding for opinion copy of letter No 161 dated 23d August 1897 from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey in Mysore regarding the levy of extra assessment on lands irrigated by sinking pits in the beds of nallas, I have the honour to append herewith a statement shewing the extent of the lands irrigated from pits sunk in the beds of dry streams in the Chennagiri Taluk. The raiyaths have not in any case encroached on the beds of nallas. As they have to sink the pits and use the water in the dry season only, and

as the extent of such land is very small, Government would not lose by allowing this cultivation free. The extent so cultivated is always very small in each individual case. The streams are in all cases jungle streams which flow in the rainy season only and which are, if anything improved by such pits being sunk in them, so as to retain some water for the dry season.

2. If however, it is considered objectionable in principle to allow such cultivation free, I would recommend that a uniform rate of a rupee per acre may be levied. The average rate of wet assessment (less dry) on such lands would come to 2 Rupees, as I noticed when conducting the last Jamabundi. The Superintendent

Revenue Survey recommends 3/4 of the rate and this is what Rule XIX also lays down. I am inclined to think that more than half would be too high.

Nov. Re Jagir 3/4 or less for light. W.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Arthur Leth
for Offg Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

WRL

Statement shewing the extent and other particulars of lands irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during hot season in the Chennagiri Taluk.

No	Name of village	Extent and assessment of lands irrigated by bailing out water from pits.						Whether the cultivation is carried on close by or in the beds of nallas.	If water from such nallas is not utilized during the rainy season what other means of irrigation is available	Remarks.
		Extent		Assessment (dry)		Water rate				
		Acres	Guntas	Rs	a p	Rs	a p			
1	2	3		4		5		6	7	8.
1	Kakanûr	4	18	4	13 6	5	3 6	Close by nallas.	If the crops are in need of water, it is bailed out from pits in the Nallas even in the rainy season. There is another means of irrigation available	
2	Nuggihulli	19	6	19	4 10	23	3	do		
3	Dwarahulli	2	13	2	5 -	4	7	do		
4	Doudargatta	2	-	2	- -	2	- -	do		
5	Koudadahulli	3	20	3	12 -	6	18 4	do		
6	Dipposagondanahulli	3	22	3	9 -	26	11 2	do		
7	Honnayakanahulli	-	11	-	3 -	-	4 -	do		
8	Honnebagi	-	13	-	6 -	2	4 -	do		
9	Uppanaikanahulli	-	11	-	3 -	-	8 -	do		
	Total	35	34	36	8 4	70	12 10			

20th April 1898.

Asstt

for Offg. Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

VPL

Draft despatch

(11)

Official Memorandum

No 10989-93. / 19.5.98.
19.3662

With reference to

Section L&K
File No 8 1895
Serial No 9

Subject No 176 of the Assembly Proceedings of Dasara Representatives of 1896, in re the abolition of the levy ~~of Rs & of the rate~~ of assessment on certain lands irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during the hot season in the Chennagiri Taluk, the Dy Commrs of the Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Mysore and Chittaldroog Districts are requested to report at a very early date the practice obtaining in their districts in cases of the kind above referred to, together with their own opinion on the subject.

"By Order
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Gen. Serial No. 30.]

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
No. 8863
JUN.7 1898
R 5212
OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

1898

From The Deputy Commissioner
Chikaldrug District

(12)

To

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the
Government ~~Dewan~~ of Mysore.
General and Revenue
Department

Section R
File No 2-1846
Serial No 12

Dated 2d
Despatched 4th } June 1898
Received

Enclosures No. -

General No. 1088.
No. 1027.

In reply to

SUBJECT.

Reporting upon the practice obtaining in the District in the matter of levying of water rate on land irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during the hot season.

References—(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

Rev 6-6-98

Refers put up
HS 13/6

No: 1088.
1027.

Deputy Commissioner's office
Chitaldrug district
Dated 2nd June 1898.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
General and Revenue department
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your official memorandum No. 10989-93 / R 3662 dated 19th ultimo, I have the honor to state that water rate is levied in such cases. But when the streams are not perennial and not of much importance, it may be discontinued. The levy of water rate which has the sanction of the Land Revenue Code should be the rule; the absence of it should be the exception and the latter should in each case have the sanction of the Deputy Commissioner.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant
[illegible]
Deputy Commissioner

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Gl. No. 231
JUL 12 1898
DEWAN'S OFFICE

2127/99

From The Dy. Commissioner, of the Bangalore District.

(14)

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore Genl & Rev Departments

Section P.
File No. R-1876
Serial No. 11

Dated 9th
Despatched 11th } July 1898
Received

General No.
No. 27.

Enclosure No.

Sec's Official Memo
No 10989-93 of the 19th May
R 3662
1898.

Reply re the practice obtaining in this District on the subject of the levy of assessment on certain lands irrigated by sinking pits in small Nallas, during the hot season

Collected & Book
Statement

Refers back to
Dy. Com.

Rev 12.7.98

Bangalore District
Dy. Commissioner's Office
Bangalore 9th Jul 1896

D. No. 27.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
Genl & Rev Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your official memo No 10989-93 R. 3662 of the 19th May 1898, I beg to state that it has been reported that there are no instances in this District of agriculturists taking water from jungle streams for irrigating their lands in the last season. But there are a few cases of the kind in only two Talukas viz: Nagadi and Kankanhalli; but no extra assessment is levied therefor. - But as per para 2 of Government order No. 8660-8 R. 1284 of the 28th November 1894, some water rate is leviable and I think that it is but right to do so, the jungle streams and the water in them being Government property.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
Dy Commissioner

AUG.3 - 1898
189 8 R No 453
REVENUE OFFICE

From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

(16)

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Revenue and General Departments.

R.R. 1898
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Dated 28

Despatched July 1898

Received

General No.

No. 102

Enclosure No. —

Reporting on the practice obtaining in re the levy of assessment on lands irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during the hot season &c.

Mysore
Rev 3/8/98

No. 102
Enclosure No. —

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT,
Dated Mysore 28th July 1898.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue and General Departments.

SIR,

Adverting to your official memorandum No: 10989-93 / R 3662 dated 19th May 1898 calling for report as to the practice obtaining in re the levy of assessment on lands irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during the hot season, I have the honor to state that the enquiry instituted in the matter shews that there are no cases of the kind in any of the Taluks of the District.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

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Gen. 31.]

1898

REVENUE OFFICE Gl. No. 761 AUG.3-1898 R. No. 441 DEMANDS CIRCUIT

From The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District (17)

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.
Revenue & General departments

Section
File No
Serial No

Dated 30.7.98.
Despatched —do—
Received
General No. 506 } 1898.99
No. 135
Enclosure No. —

Submitting a report regarding the practice prevailing in this District on the subject of the levy of assessment on lands irrigated by sinking pits in small tanks during the hot season &c —

3/8/98

Refers back with Where?
No 578

No 506
135

Kolar Deputy Commissioner's office
Dated 30th July 1898.
Dep. do

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.
Revenue and General Departments.

Sir

With reference to Government official memo No 10989-93 dated the 19th May 98 and R 3662
reminder docket No 608-10 dated the 22nd instant, calling for a report regarding the R 252
practice obtaining in this District on the subject of the levy of assessment on lands irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during the hot season, I have the honor to state that such cultivation is confined to a few localities in the Bagepalli and Sreenivaspore Taluks and Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. The practice prevailing in these localities regarding the levy of assessment, and the opinion of the Amildars concerned are as follows:-

Bagepalli Taluk The garden rate of assessment ranging from Rs 3 to Rs 6/ per acre, has been charged on lands irrigated by water lapped from —

from small "Kallas" and drawn leg water lifts,

but no special rates are charged for irrigation from water drawn from pits sunk in Kallas during the hot season. There appears to be no obligation to charge garden rates on lands perma-nently irrigated leg water scooped out from "Kallas", but it is a hardship to charge higher rate on lands supplied leg lifting water from small pits.

Sreenivasapur Taluk. There is a 'Kalla' running from Gundlu wadi weir channel passing through Narasampalli and 4 other villages to Thippa-sandra tank in Hesaragatta Territories. The extent of land depending on this 'Kalla' aggregates 107 acres and 3 Gundas assessed at Rs 685/-. This Kalla supplies water for Kartheya cultivation, but some of these lands are irrigated leg sinking pits during the hot season and lifting water therefrom. The wet rate of assessment on these lands ranges from Rs 4.8.0 to Rs 5.8.0 and garden assessment from Rs 5 to Rs 8/- whereas the highest rate of wet assess-ment on lands under tanks affording water for two crops is Rs 6/- per acre and the garden rate ranges from Rs 3.8.0 to Rs 7/-. It is fair that the assessment on lands under

under Rallas of this description should be
so decd —.

Excl. Canda Sole Talek Full wet assess-
-ment has been charged on lands irrigated
by water drawn out from 'Rallas' during
the hot season in some villages, but such
lands should in fairness be faced with a
moderate 'Reevazardi' in addition to the dry
assessment.

From the above summary of the
Amildars' reports it will be observed that
no uniform rate of assessment is levied on
lands under 'Rallas' of the description.
As the supply have to perform a good deal
of manual labour for irrigating such
lands by drawing water from water-lifts
and other means during the hot season, and
as the supply itself is uncertain, they de-
serve some Concession and the levy in such
Cases of the Minimum rate of wet assess-
-ment prevailing in the neighbourhood
would in my opinion be sufficient and
reasonable —.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient servant.
H. Rotton
Depy Collr
Kolaba

(General Serial No. 30.)

RECEIVED Gl. No. 3239
17 NOV 1898
R No 1847
DEPARTMENT
STATE OFFICE

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From The Deputy Commr
Tumkur District.

To The Secretary to the
Govt of Mysore, Genl & Rev: Depat.

Dated 12th
Despatched 15th } November 1898
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 344.
No.

His Official Memo
Randum No. 10989-93 of
R 3662
the 19th May 1898.

Reporting on the practice
obtaining in this District
in re the levy of wet
assessment on lands
irrigated by sinking
pits in small tallas
during the last season

Section L.R.
File No 2-1876
Serial No 14

vide R 231/127 & 27-2 S/12

R 252 & 22/7 SD.

Rec 17.11.98 D. Sree

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Rec'd with office note 13/12/98 AS.

Central Jail Press, Bangalore.—6-3-97.—10,002.

No 344 Deputy Commissioner's office,
Tumkúr District,

Dated, Tumkúr, 12th November 1896.

To
The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, General and
Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to Official Memorandum No: 10989-93 R. 3662 of the 19th May last, calling for a report, on the practice obtaining in this District in re the levy of wet assessment on lands irrigated by sinking pits in small nallas during the hot season, I have the honor to state that, from reports received from Amildars on the subject, there does not appear to be any instance in this District in which wet assessment is charged on such lands.

2

In the Pavagada and Sira Taluks, lands irrigated by baling water from big streams have, at the time of the Survey settlement, been assessed at wet rates which continue to be levied. And under the orders conveyed in Government Proceedings No: 8660-8/R1284 dated the 28th November 1894, lands so irrigated by jungle streams are liable to a water-rate under para 2 of Rule XIX of the Land Revenue Rules.

2. My own opinion in the matter is that where Government water is used for irrigation purposes, whether of a tank, or stream (big or small), the levy of a water rate is quite justifiable; but, in cases in

which the irrigation is provided by the occupant himself, by excavating wells on his land, at his own expense, he should not be charged with any water-rate. In imposing the water rate in the former class of cases, due regard should be had to the expense and trouble to which the occupant has been put in providing the irrigation as well as the quantity of water used, each case being decided on its own merits.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

M. Narain Rao

Deputy Commissioner

MNR.

Read :-

(1) Correspondence ending with letter No. 1168-962 dated 20th April 1898, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, regarding the levy of 3/4ths of wet assessment on certain lands in the Chennagiri Taluk, irrigated during the hot season by sinking pits in the beds of small jungle streams.

(2) Letter No. 161 dated 23rd August 1897, from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey expressing his opinion in the matter.

(3) Also the following :-

Letter No 872 dated 25th February 1898 from the Dy Commr, Hassan District.
Do 661 dated 5th April 1898. Do , Kadur Do.
Do 1088/1027 dated 2nd June 1898 Do , Chitaldrug Do
Do 27/344 dated 9th July 1898 Do , Bangalore Do.
Do 102 dated 28th July 1898 Do , Mysore Do
Do 506/135 dated 30th July 1898 Do , Kolar Do
Do 344 dated 12th November 1898 Do , Tumkur Do.

Serial No. | Order thereon No.

(4)

Dated Bangalore, 1898,

At the meeting of the Dassara Representative Assembly of 1896 certain members brought to notice the hardship entailed upon the ryots concerned by payment of ¾ths of wet assessment on certain lands in the Chennagiri Taluk which were irrigated by means of pits dug in the beds of small jungle streams in the hot season and baling water therefrom, and requested that, as the ryots did not use the stream water during the rainy season, the wet rate charged on the lands might be abolished, and a small water cess imposed in addition to the dry assessment.

2. The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga, from whom a report was called for, stated that, as per Government Proceedings No. 8660-8--R1284, dated 28th November 1894, wet assessment was being levied on such lands at the rates authorized in Rule XIX of the Land Revenue Rules.

3. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey, whose opinion in the matter was thereupon invited, stated that the Government Proceedings referred to by the Deputy Commissioner was in respect of running water of jungle streams and had no connection with the subject under reference, and that the lands irrigated in the manner above described should be liable to pay some extra assessment, though ¾ths of the wet rate levied hitherto was far too high. This opinion of the Survey Superintendent having been communicated to the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur, Hassan and Shimoga for their views on the subject, the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Mysore stated that there are no instances of such cultivation in their Districts, while the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan reports that no extra water rate is charged for the use of water from wells dug in any stream or channel which is not used for irrigation purposes. The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga, however, states that the lands cultivated in his District in the manner above stated comprise a small area of 35 acres 34 guntas, and that the nallas in whose beds pits are sunk are all jungle streams flowing only in the rainy season, and recommends the levy of a uniform rate of one rupee per acre on such lands. The Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldrug reports that wet rate is levied

Bancroft, states that he has made a [illegible] water rate being levied on [illegible] the neighborhood, and the by laws of [illegible] due regard to the [illegible] and expense to which the occupant is put and to the quantity of water used,

in Kankalli Taluk [illegible] is levied [illegible] of the minimum wet rate prevailing
in Kolar recently [illegible] (big or small) a similar rate may be levied having
regard to the question whether the water [illegible]

4. Government agree with the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, in considering that ¾ths of the wet assessment is too high a rate to be charged on such lands. The rate of one rupee per acre proposed by the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga comes to about one-half of the wet rate while the labour involved in digging well and lifting up the water and then taking it to the land is very great, these laborious processes being evidently required to be repeated every year. Under these circumstances, Government consider that the additional imposition should be such as to mark the exercise of the right of Government in such water, and accordingly direct that one-fourth of the rate adopted for the use of running water in jungle streams be adopted in the cases in question.

(Signed) C. Sreenivasiengar,
Secretary.

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Revenue

The Deputy Commissioners of ~~Shimoga, Hassan and Kadur Districts~~.

The Superintendent of Revenue Survey in Mysore.

Mr. Secretary, Mysore Govt.

(115)

Yes. Agree
Mysore
17/1/99

Approved
19-1-99
Let it be made
Principle
Here papers
The note
printed
19/1/99

No
4934-43 8/21/1/99
R 2235—

1897-98.

Government of Mysore

Revenue

Proceedings.

Directing the imposition of one-fourth of the rate of assessment adopted for the use of running water in jungle streams in cases in which lands are irrigated during the hot season by means of baling water from pits sunk in the beds of small jungle streams.

Draft

Submitted (with office note & refs.) to Revenue Councillor, Eastern Division for approval or orders.

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16/12/98

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1898-99

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

(21)

REVENUE

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 21*st January* 1899

No. 4934-43 / R. 2235

Directing the imposition of one-fourth of the rate of assessment adopted for the use of running water in jungle streams in cases in which lands are irrigated during the hot season by means of baling water from pits sunk in the beds of small jungle streams.

MGBPB—27-1-99—200

READ —

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2. Letter No. 161, dated 23rd August 1897, from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, expressing his opinion in the matter.

3. ALSO THE FOLLOWING :—

Letter	No. 842,	dated 25th February	1898, from the Dy. Comr.,	Hassan
Do	„ 661,	„ 5th April	1898, ditto	Kadur
Do	„ 1088—1027,	dated 2nd June	1898, ditto	Chitaldrug
Do	„ 27,	dated 9th July	1898, ditto	Bangalore
Do	„ 102,	„ 28th July	1898, ditto	Mysore
Do	„ 506—135,	„ 30th July	1898, ditto	Kolar
Do	„ 344,	„ 12th Nov.	1898, ditto	Tumkur

No. 4934-43—R. 2235, DATED BANGALORE, 21ST JANUARY 1899.

ORDER THEREON.—At the Meeting of the Dasara Representative Assembly of 1896 certain members brought to notice the hardship entailed upon the raiyats concerned by payment of ¾ths of wet assessment on certain lands in the Channagiri taluk which were irrigated by means of pits dug in the beds of small jungle streams in the hot season and baling water therefrom, and requested that, as the raiyats did not use the stream water during the rainy season, the wet rate charged on the lands might be abolished, and a small water cess imposed in addition to the dry assessment.

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rate being levied on such lands as the streams and the water therein are Government property. The Deputy Commissioner of Kolar recommends the levy on such lands of the minimum water rate prevailing in the neighbourhood, and the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur states that when Government water is used for irrigation, whether the water is from a tank or stream (big or small) a wate rater may be levied having due regard to the trouble and expense to which the occupant is put and to the quantity of water used.

4. Government agree with the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, in considering that $\frac{3}{4}$ths of the wet assessment is too high a rate to be charged on such lands. The rate of one rupee per acre proposed by the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga comes to about one-half of the wet rate, while the labor involved in digging wells and lifting up the water and then taking it to the land is very great, these laborious processes being evidently required to be repeated every year. Under these circumstances, Government consider that the additional imposition should be such as to mark the exercise of the right of Government in such water, and accordingly direct that one-fourth of the rate adopted for the use of running water in jungle streams be adopted in the cases in question.

C. SREENIVASIENGAR,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Superintendent of Revenue Survey in Mysore.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.